



Via Email and Electronic Comment Filing System

August 9, 2012

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Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Rural Health Care Pilot Program, Docket No. 02-60
USAC Data and Observations on the FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program

Dear Ms. Veach:

Pursuant to a request from Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing certain data points from the federal Universal Service Rural Health Care (RHC) Pilot Program (Pilot Program or RHCPP) and the traditional Rural Health Care Support Mechanism Program (Primary Program).¹ The data points relate to funding and participation in the RHCPP and Primary Program and are provided in the following appendices:

- *Appendix A: Pilot Projects, Percentage of Award Committed as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the percentage of each project's original award that was committed as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix B: Pilot Projects, Percentage of Award Disbursed as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the percentage of each project's original award that was disbursed as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix C: Pilot Projects that Conducted Network Design Studies as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the Pilot Projects that requested and received a commitment for a network design study, the amount of funding committed for that purpose, and the percent of each project's original award that had been committed as of January 31, 2012.

¹ USAC filed responses to similar requests for data and observations on May 4, May 30, June 27, 2012 and August 2, 2012. Letter from Craig Davis, Vice President, Rural Health Care Division, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, FCC, dated May 4, 2012 (*USAC's May 4 Letter*). Letter from Craig Davis, Vice President, Rural Health Care Division, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, FCC, dated May 30, 2012 (*USAC's May 30 Letter*). Letter from Craig Davis, Vice President, Rural Health Care Division, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, FCC, dated June 27, 2012 (*USAC's June 27 Letter*). Letter from Craig Davis, Vice President, Rural Health Care Division, USAC, to Julie Veach, FCC, dated Aug. 2, 2012 (*USAC's August 2 Letter*).

- *Appendix D: Project Size (By Number of HCPs) as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix provides the number of pilot projects that have HCP counts in the ranges specified. The number of projects within each range of HCP counts is provided based on funding commitments as of January 31, 2012 and based on the original project applications submitted to the FCC.
- *Appendix E: Rural\Urban Composition of each Pilot Project as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of rural and urban HCPs participating in each Pilot Project as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix F: Pilot Program Entity Type Participation as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of HCPs participating in the Pilot Program, based on eligible entity type. Each HCP participating in the Pilot Program is counted only once in this report, even if the HCP participates in more than one project.
- *Appendix G: Pilot Program Entity Type Participation, by Project, as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists for each project participating in the Pilot Program the number of HCPs categorized by eligible entity type. Each HCP participating in more than one Pilot Project is counted once for each project in which the HCP participates.
- *Appendix H: Pilot Program Rural\Urban Composition by Entity Type as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of HCPs participating in the Pilot Program based on eligible entity type and the rural/urban composition of those participants.
- *Appendix I: Pilot Projects Using an IRU or a Prepaid Lease as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists those projects that have obtained funding for an irrevocable right of use (IRU) or a prepaid lease, including the dollar amount and the bandwidth range as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix J: Pilot HCPs, by Bandwidth Tier as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix provides by bandwidth range the number of rural and urban HCPs as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix K: Primary Program (excluding Alaska) Average Monthly Recurring Cost by Bandwidth for Funding Year 2010.* This appendix lists by bandwidth range the number of circuits receiving funding in the Primary Program for Funding Year 2010 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011), the average primary program support, HCP contribution and total cost.

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- *Appendix L: Pilot Bandwidths by Entity Type as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of HCPs receiving service by bandwidth range and entity type as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix M: Pilot HCP Average Monthly Recurring Cost By Bandwidth as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of HCPs based on receipt of service by bandwidth tier and the average Pilot Program support, HCP contribution and total as of January 31, 2012.
- *Appendix N: Pilot HCP Average Monthly Recurring Cost by Entity Type as of January 31, 2012.* This appendix lists the number of HCPs based on entity type and the average Pilot Program support, HCP contribution and total cost as of January 31, 2012.

Please contact me if you have questions concerning this information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Craig Davis
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